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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 August 2002.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 08/27/2002.
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. .
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: .

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to the communication filed on August 27, 2002. Preliminary amendments to the Claims were filed. Claims 1 – 10 are currently being considered.
2. An initialed and dated copy of Applicant's IDS form 1449 is attached to the Office action.

Specification

3. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:
Specification should include section headings. Applicant is advised on how to arrange the content of the specification.

The following guidelines illustrate the preferred layout for the specification of a utility application. These guidelines are suggested for the applicant's use.

Arrangement of the Specification

As provided in 37 CFR 1.77(b), the specification of a utility application should include the following sections in order. Each of the lettered items should appear in upper case, without underlining or bold type, as a section heading. If no text follows the section heading, the phrase "Not Applicable" should follow the section heading:

- (a) TITLE OF THE INVENTION.
- (b) CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS.
- (c) STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT.

- (d) THE NAMES OF THE PARTIES TO A JOINT RESEARCH AGREEMENT
- (e) INCORPORATION-BY-REFERENCE OF MATERIAL SUBMITTED ON A COMPACT DISC (See 37 CFR 1.52(e)(5) and MPEP 608.05. Computer program listings (37 CFR 1.96(c)), "Sequence Listings" (37 CFR 1.821(c)), and tables having more than 50 pages of text are permitted to be submitted on compact discs.) or
REFERENCE TO A "MICROFICHE APPENDIX" (See MPEP § 608.05(a). "Microfiche Appendices" were accepted by the Office until March 1, 2001.)
- (f) BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.
 - (1) Field of the Invention.
 - (2) Description of Related Art including information disclosed under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- (g) BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.
- (h) BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING(S).
- (i) DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION.
- (j) CLAIM OR CLAIMS (commencing on a separate sheet).
- (k) ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (commencing on a separate sheet).
- (l) SEQUENCE LISTING (See MPEP § 2424 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. A "Sequence Listing" is required on paper if the application discloses a nucleotide or amino acid sequence as defined in 37 CFR 1.821(a) and if the required "Sequence Listing" is not submitted as an electronic document on compact disc).

Appropriate corrections all through specification are required.

Claim Objections

4. Claims 1 and 4 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 1 recites "A procedure ... and signature (6),".

Replace "signature (6)," with "signature unit (6),".

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1 – 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Zabetian (U.S. Patent Number 6,327,656).
6. Regarding Claim 1, Zabetian teaches a certification unit (5) and a signature unit (6), characterized in that the certification unit (5) appends information t and authentication information a to the file to be signed, and the supplemented file is signed by the signature unit (6) (Column 5 line 63 – Column 6 line 4 and Column 8 line 30 – Column 9 line 8).
7. Regarding Claim 6, Zabetian teaches a certification unit (5) and a signature unit (6), characterized in that the certification unit (5) supplies information t and authentication information a (Column 5 line 63 – Column 6 line 4 and Column 8 line 30 – Column 9 line 8).
8. Claims 2 and 7 are rejected applied as above in rejecting Claims 1 and 6. Furthermore, Zabetian teaches that the certification unit is a timestamp unit (5), and the

information is time information t (Column 5 line 63 – Column 6 line 8 and Column 8 lines 44 – 64).

9. Claims 3 and 9 are rejected applied as above in rejecting Claims 1 and 6. Furthermore, Zabetian teaches that the signature unit (6) is a mobile data carrier with intelligent logic (Column 6 lines 4 – 8 and Column 8 lines 12 – 29).

10. Claim 4 is rejected applied as above in rejecting Claim 1. Furthermore, Zabetian teaches that the authentication code a, which is a secret value, for which there is an unambiguous public value a' that cannot be used from outside to infer a (Column 5 lines 46 – 62; Column 6 line 65 – Column 7 line 3 and Column 13 lines 4 – 16).

11. Claim 5 is rejected applied as above in rejecting Claim 1. Furthermore, Zabetian teaches that the authentication code is a digital signature (Column 2 lines 42 – 56 and Column 5 lines 47 – 62).

12. Claim 8 is rejected applied as above in rejecting Claim 6. Furthermore, Zabetian teaches that the certification unit (5) and signature unit (6) can be separated from each other, and the certification unit is preferably permanently installed and secured against access (Column 5 line 63 – Column 6 line 8 and Column 8 lines 44 – 51).

13. Claim 10 is rejected applied as above in rejecting Claim 6. Furthermore, Zabetian teaches that the signature unit (6) is a plug-in component with storage medium and intelligent logic (Column 2 lines 4 – 12; Column 6 lines 4 – 8 and Column 8 lines 12 – 29).

Conclusion

14. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See PTO Form 892.

15. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pramila Parthasarathy whose telephone number is 571-272-3866. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00a.m. To 5:00p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on 571-232-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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